

Guard Your Words Sun Am 9/24/16

James 3:1-12 (NKJV)

3 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

² For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he *is* a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

³ Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

⁴ Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

⁶ And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

⁸ But no man can tame the tongue. *It is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹ With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

¹¹ Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening?

¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Romans 4:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

1Peter 3:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

Proverbs 21:23 (NKJV)

²³ Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

Matthew 12:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

²³ For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Proverbs 12:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise *promotes* health.

Proverbs 13:2 (NKJV)

² A man shall eat well by the fruit of *his* mouth, But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence.

Proverbs 10:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips *is* wise.

Matthew 15:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Proverbs 16:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Proverbs 19:14 (NKJV)

**¹⁴ Houses and riches *are* an inheritance from fathers,
But a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.**